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Applicant : Frank E. Ruch
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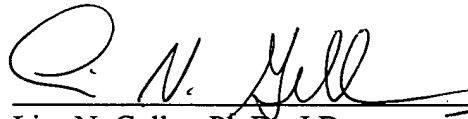
PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the final rejection dated December 3, 2002, be extended. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 5, 2003, with the required fee. Applicant petitions that the period for response be extended for four months to and including November 5, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$740 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 11072-002001.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 5, 2003



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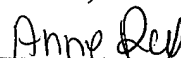
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